



(S//SI) Post-war Iraq Plan

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(TS//SI) At a time when much of the workforce is focused on enabling a successful outcome for coalition forces in Iraq, a small team of experts is developing the post-war Iraq plan. As complex and demanding as the combat environment will be, the transition to peace; the elimination of Iraq's ability to threaten the U.S. and its allies; and the restoration of a civil government will likely be the longest and potentially most demanding engagement in this campaign. This period, known as Phase IV in formal planning documents, will present a host of new challenges and opportunities for the cryptologic system. Although Phase IV was viewed as formally beginning when major combat operations end, our interaction with CENTCOM, Pentagon and State Department planners indicates that elements of Phase IV are already underway.

(TS//SI) In Phase IV we are confronted with a multitude of challenges. They include:

- Sustaining force protection;
- Maintaining domestic security;
- Monitoring humanitarian programs;
- Watching for efforts to undermine the nascent Iraqi government;
- Delivering a comprehensive perspective on regional views and reactions;
- Uncovering Iraqi war criminals;
- Tracking the disposition of weapons and materiel no longer under Iraqi military control

We will execute our mission in an environment complicated by much broader international participation than what we experienced in the war. We will face demands for sharing communications security technology, intelligence information and resources in a unique multi-national environment.

(TS//SI) Our team has already established contact with officials who will lead the transition efforts in Phase IV. Developing an early understanding of the customer requirements for Phase IV and establishing a relationship with those customers will allow us to affect the necessary planning to optimize our posture and meet demands as they emerge. The sacrifice and cost that will bring us to the end of the war must be honored by a commitment to ensure that Phase IV sees a successful realization of long-term objectives, underpinned by solid cryptologic support.

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